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Director of Operations

June 26, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; 2013 FCC Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ICORE Consulting, on behalf of Ronan Telephone Company ("the Company") hereby submits to the Commission a copy of the Company's completed Form 481<sup>1</sup>. Certain portions of the Form 481 filing include information that is confidential in nature. Specifically, the section entitled "Rate of Return Carrier Additional Information"<sup>2</sup> should be accorded confidential treatment. Attached please find a statement of the reasons for withholding the redacted materials from public inspection pursuant to 47 CFR § 0.459.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you or any member of the Commission Staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Ulmer".

Director of Operations

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<sup>1</sup> This filing is required to comply with 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422(c).

<sup>2</sup> The financial reports section of FCC Form 481 is identified at the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") website as "Section 3005" in the downloadable version and as "Section 3000" in the online filing version at the same USAC website. <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/forms.aspx>. The same identical financial information is required in both. The request for confidentiality applies regardless of whether the form filled out employs the 3005 or 3000 designation.

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# **CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 47 C.F.R. §0459(b)**

Ronan Telephone Company (“Company”) is a small, privately held rural local exchange company based in Montana. The Company requests confidential treatment of certain information being provided to the Commission in its 2017 FCC Form 481. The information is competitively sensitive and its disclosure would have a negative competitive consequence upon the Company were it made publicly available. Such information would not ordinarily be made available to the public and should be afforded confidential treatment under 47 CFR §0.459.

Regulation	Statement of support and compliance with Confidentiality requests
47 CFR §0.459(a)(2)	ICORE Consulting, on behalf of the Company has e-filed, through ECFS, the redacted version and sent via USPS Express Mail the confidential hard copy version (original and one copy) of its 2013 FCC Form 481.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(1)	The Company requests that the documentation required in the section entitled “Rate of Return Carrier Additional Information <sup>3</sup> , which consists of the Company’s financial reports, income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement, be accorded confidential treatment. The confidential information has been redacted from the public version with black shading.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(2)	The circumstances giving rise to the submission of this confidential information is set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313 and 47 CFR § 54.422.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(3) and §0.459(b)(4)	The information for which confidentiality is sought is financial in nature, including balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(5)	There is robust competition in the telecommunications market today, including wireless, VoIP providers, and cable television providers to name a few. Financial data such as the amount of cash on hand, amount of debt, and revenue by source are all examples of information that competitors would not receive in the normal course of business.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(6)	The financial information is disclosed only within the Company, and furthermore is only provided (1) members of senior management, or (2) those employees who require this information to perform their jobs.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(7)	The Company has not previously released this information to third parties without the execution of a non-disclosure agreement.
47 CFR §0.459(b)(8)	The Company requests that the information be held by the Commission as confidential indefinitely.

<sup>3</sup> The financial reports section of FCC Form 481 is identified at the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) website as “Section 3005” in the downloadable version and as “Section 3000” in the online filing version at the same USAC website. <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/forms.aspx>. The same identical financial information is required in both. The request for confidentiality applies regardless of whether the form filed out employs the 3005 or 3000 designation.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Christopher Ulmer
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6109283903 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	culmer@icorellc.com
Form Type		54.313 and 54.422

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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
Data Collection Form

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)	NA
<310> Detail on attempts (voice)	Name of Attached Document
<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	NA
<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)	Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers  
Data Collection Form

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations**  
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	482252MT610.pdf

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**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	culmer@icorellc.com
<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
Data Collection Form

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**(800) Operating Companies  
Data Collection Form**

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Ronan Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Ronan Telephone Company

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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	Yes
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	Flathead Indian Reservation
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	482252MT920.pdf

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	482252MT1010.pdf	<div>Name of Attached Document</div> <div>Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau</div>
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		<div>Name of Attached Document</div>

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	<div>Yes</div>
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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	<div></div>
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<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Lifeline</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		July 2013

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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div>482252MT1210.pdf</div>	Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	www.ronan.net

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		July 2013	
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

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<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Not Applicable - No Attachment Required	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text" value="482252MT3026.pdf"/>

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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**4005 Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

**Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)**

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

**Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)**

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

**If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.**

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)**

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>ICORE Consulting, LLC</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	ICORE Consulting, LLC
Name of Reporting Carrier:	RONAN TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Robert Erickson
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Treasurer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4066762751 ext.
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	RONAN TEL CO
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	ICORE Consulting, LLC
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Christopher Ulmer
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Director of Operations
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	6109283903 ext.
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Usage Allowance	Action Taken	When Limit Reached {select}

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**Consolidating Balance Sheet**

	Ronan Telephone Company	Montana West, L.L.C.	Eliminating Entries	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Marketable securities				
Accounts receivable				
Carrier receivables				
Other receivables				
Materials and supplies				
Prepayments				
Advances receivable				
Total current assets				
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Investment in affiliates and other				
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies				
Total noncurrent assets				
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Telecommunications plant in service				
Land and improvements				
Furniture and office equipment				
Telephone plant and equipment				
Computers and software				
Vehicles and other work equipment				
Construction in progress				
Less accumulated depreciation				
Net property, plant and equipment				
Total assets				
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER EQUITY</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable				
Line of credit				
Accrued expenses				
Allowance for taxes				
Deferred income				
Other accrued taxes				
Property taxes				
Payroll advances and profit sharing				
Current portion of long-term debt				
Total current liabilities				
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, NET OF CURRENT PORTION</b>				
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>				
Customer deposits				
Deferred income taxes				
Other				
Total other liabilities				
<b>DEFERRED REVENUE - BTOP</b>				
Total liabilities				
<b>STOCKHOLDER EQUITY</b>				
Member equity				
Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares				
authorized, 22,840 shares issued and				
outstanding				
Retained earnings				
Accumulated other comprehensive income				
Total stockholder equity				
Total liabilities and stockholder equity				

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

**Consolidating Balance Sheet**

	Ronan Telephone Company	Montana West, L.L.C.	Eliminating Entries	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Marketable securities				
Accounts receivable				
Carrier receivables				
Materials and supplies				
Prepayments				
Advances receivable				
Total current assets				
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Investment in affiliates and other				
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies				
Total noncurrent assets				
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Telecommunications plant in service				
Land and improvements				
Furniture and office equipment				
Telephone plant and equipment				
Computers and software				
Vehicles and other work equipment				
Construction in progress				
Less accumulated depreciation				
Net property, plant and equipment				
Total assets				
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER EQUITY</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable				
Checks written in excess of deposits				
Line of credit				
Accrued expenses				
Advances payable				
Allowance for taxes				
Deferred income				
Other accrued taxes				
Property taxes				
Payroll advances and profit sharing				
Current portion of long-term debt				
Total current liabilities				
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, NET OF CURRENT PORTION</b>				

OTHER LIABILITIES

Customer deposits

Deferred income taxes

Other

Total other liabilities

DEFERRED REVENUE - BTOP

Total liabilities

STOCKHOLDER EQUITY

Member equity

Common stock, no par value; [REDACTED] shares

authorized, [REDACTED] shares issued and  
outstanding

Retained earnings

Accumulated other comprehensive income

Total stockholder equity

Total liabilities and stockholder equity



	Ronan Telephone Company	Montana West, L.L.C.	Eliminating Entries	Total
Operating Revenue				
Basic local services				
Broadband and video				
Network access				
Long distance				
Contract and other				
Miscellaneous				
Total operating revenue				
Operating expenses				
Network support				
General support				
Switching				
Transmission				
Cable and wire facilities				
Network operations				
Marketing				
Services				
Executive				
Contract and other				
General and administrative				
Depreciation				
Total operating expenses				
Operating income (loss)				
Other Income (Expense)				
Investment income				
Equity earnings from affiliate				
Interest expense				
Net other income (expense)				
Income (loss) before income taxes				
Provision for income taxes				
Net income (loss)				
Other Comprehensive Income				
Unrealized gain on investments				
Income tax expense related to other comprehensive income				
Reclassification adjustment for net realized gain included in net income (loss), net of ta				
Other comprehensive income, net				
Comprehensive income (loss)				

December 31, 2015

Consolidating Income Statement

	Ronan Telephone Company	Montana West, L.L.C.	Eliminating Entries	Total
Operating Revenue				
Basic local services				
Broadband and video				
Network access				
Long distance				
Contract and other				
Miscellaneous				
Total operating revenue				
Operating expenses				
Network support				
General support				
Switching				
Transmission				
Cable and wire facilities				
Network operations				
Marketing				
Services				
Executive				
Contract and other				
General and administrative				
Depreciation				
Total operating expenses				
Operating income (loss)				
Other income (expense)				
Investment income				
Equity earnings from affiliate				
Interest expense				
Net other income (expense)				
Income (loss) before income taxes				
Provision for income taxes				
Net income (loss)				
Other comprehensive income				
Unrealized loss on investments				
Income tax expense related to other comprehensive income				
Reclassification adjustment for net realized gain included in net income (loss), net of tax				
Other comprehensive income, net				
Comprehensive income (loss)				